

“Even in these difficult times, we have made sure to invest in education, worker training and transportation, the crucial elements to building a top business climate, and those investments are paying off with great news like today’s,” said Sen. Bill Purcell, who represents Richmond County.

“Companies look at more than just dollar figures,” said Rep. Ken Goodman, who also represents Richmond County. “They want educated and trained employees, a transportation system that helps them succeed, good schools for their children and quality of life for their families. They find all of those in North Carolina because of the policies we have pursued.”

North Carolina continues to have a top-ranked business climate. Through Gov. Perdue’s JobsNOW initiative, the state works aggressively to create jobs, train and retrain its workforce, and lay the foundation for a strong and sustainable economic future.

Through use of the One NC Fund, more than 50,000 jobs and \$9 billion in investment have been created since 2001. Other partners that helped with this project include: the N.C. Department of Commerce, Richmond Community College and Richmond County.

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